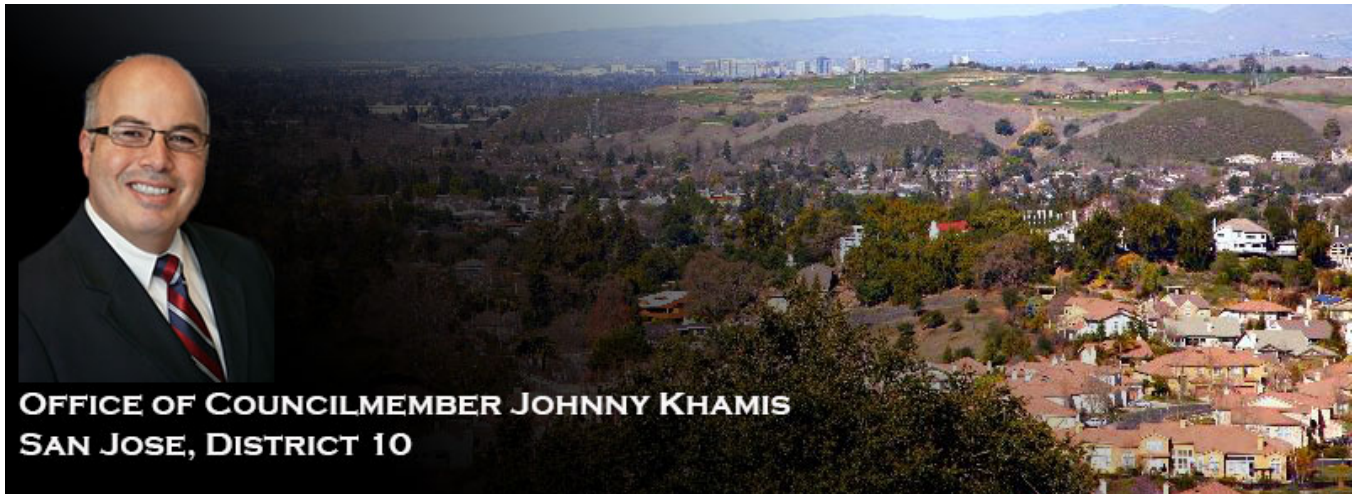


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District 10 Mid-March Newsletter

PH_FirstName,

I hope you are having a wonderful March so far. I am enjoying the warm weather and am looking forward to Spring being in full bloom! Each month since taking office, we've had to pick and prioritize all of the useful information we send out in our newsletters. But to keep you updated and in the loop, we have decided to start sending out our Mid-Month Newsletter around the 15th of every month.

Last Friday, I partnered with Councilmembers Don Rocha and Ash Kalra, as well as Westfield Oakridge Mall and nearly 50 vendors to present the 6th annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk. With more than 350 seniors in attendance, this year's event was a huge success! I want to thank all of those involved in making our senior walk and resource fair great. Special thanks goes to Amy McNeal from Oakridge Mall for helping organize the event, Rich McCoy for providing great music and sound equipment, County Supervisor Mike Wasserman, State Senator Jim Beall, and Judge LaDoris Cordell, and all of the vendors and organizations who donated fantastic door prizes, and the Council staffers who pulled everything together. We look forward to presenting an even better event next year! Here are a few photos from the event; to look at more, check out my [Facebook](#) page!



I also wanted to keep you updated on some of the issues that have been brought before City Council and how I voted. First, on Tuesday, February 26th, I voted against the proposed ban on polystyrene foodware. While I commend our local environmental groups for their passion and dedication to the keeping our city clean, I couldn't support an ordinance that would have an adverse economic impact on our already-strained small business owners. With the passage of new taxes and the increase in minimum wage, small businesses in San Jose are feeling the effects, and increasing the cost of food ware by banning polystyrene would only add to that. You can see the report as well as the memoranda from my fellow Councilmembers in section 7.1 from the agenda. [Click here](#) to review the agenda item.

Thank you to all those who responded to my call to write to Mayor Reed and to the full City Council encouraging them to oppose the State Legislature's proposal to lower the voting threshold for special tax or bond measures from a 2/3rd vote to 55%. I believe that any special taxes should have broad-based support from the community so I, along with Councilmember Constant voted against the proposal to ask the State Legislature to lower the threshold. The rest of our colleagues, however, voted to approve the proposal and so the City of San Jose is now officially on-record in support of the 55% vote for special tax measures, instead of the 2/3rds that is currently in place. I encourage you to contact your State representatives who will be deciding whether to make it easier to pass new special transportation taxes. To contact Assemblymember Paul Fong, [click here](#). To contact Senator Jim Beall, [click here](#).

This past Wednesday evening, the Water District held an informational meeting regarding the feasible alternatives proposed for Almaden Lake Park. Our office continues to get questions and concerns regarding the proposed changes and we are working closely with the Water District to keep our community informed. In our last newsletter, we rolled out a survey to get your feedback and opinions on what should be done in regard to the lake. I was thrilled to see over 350 responses! We have passed that information along to the folks at the Water District and I know they will take into consideration the ideas you put forth. Thank you for being involved! If you haven't taken the survey and would like to, [click here](#).



I also want to take a moment to recognize a person in our community who, for the past 47 years, has dedicated her time, knowledge and energy to educating our children. Gay Patin Brasher was recently honored by Assemblymember Paul Fong as one of 6 Women of the Year. I was happy to have had the opportunity to nominate her for that award and am even more excited to get the chance to recognize her years of service with a commendation at an upcoming City Council meeting on March 26th at 1:30. Thank you, Mrs. Brasher, we so appreciate your work!

Below, you will find further information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and different goings-on within our district and city, so continue reading! If you have any questions about anything you've read, please feel free to contact our office at **408-535-4910** or email us at district10@sanjoseca.gov. If you no longer

want to receive this newsletter you can unsubscribe by clicking the link above. And remember to check out my [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages by clicking on the links at the top of the newsletter. Have a wonderful March!

Sincerely,

Johnny

District 10 Community Safety Fair

Councilmember Khamis and the District 10 Council Office is pleased to support the San Jose Police Foundation in hosting the First Annual District 10 Community Safety Fair on **Sunday, April 7th from 4:00pm-7:00pm**. Doors open at 3:30pm at the Gunderson High School gymnasium. The San Jose Police Department, along with their Crime Prevention Unit, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and the D10 staff will all be in attendance. Come with your questions and concerns and prepare to leave with the tools you need to increase the safety and security of your community. There will be exhibitions from a wide variety of safety experts and firms. Early attendees will get the opportunity to ask questions of Acting Deputy Chief Jeff Marozick and other local law enforcement including our district's patrol commander, the Crime Prevention Unit, as well as the Councilmember. For more information, contact Drew Spitzer at drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov or call **408-535-4910**.

Traffic and Speeding Reporting

As the old saying goes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so I encourage you (and your neighbors!) to report speeders to the Traffic Enforcement Unit. [Click here](#) to fill out a report.

The SJPD rotates the location of the traffic enforcement unit quarterly, based upon complaints, so the more people in your neighborhood that complain about speeders, the more likely it is your neighborhood will become a candidate for special enforcement.

Community Office Hours

I will be holding community office hours twice a month out in the district. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with me one on one to ask questions or voice your concerns. Below are the dates, times and locations of these upcoming community office hours.

First Wednesday of every month

8:30-9:30am

Almaden Community Center

6445 Camden Ave
San Jose 95120

Third Wednesday of every month

5:30-7:00pm
Lime Tree Espresso
171 Branham Lane
San Jose 95136

Downtown SJ Deemed One of the Most Vibrant, Arts-Centric Communities

“Downtown San José was recently recognized among America’s Top ArtPlaces in 2013 by ArtPlace for having an abundance of cultural offerings, venues, and social opportunities that enliven the community and make it a place where people and businesses want to be. In particular, San José was noted for combining art, high-tech and environmental sustainability creating a city center that looks, feels and acts like the Capital of Silicon Valley.” [Read more here.](#)

The Great American Litter Pick Up

Please join Councilmember Khamis, the District 10 Council Staff, community leaders and fellow neighbors for The Great American Litter Pick-Up on **Saturday, April 20th from 8:30am-11:30am**, with free lunch provided at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to spend a couple hours serving their community and cleaning up their neighborhoods. We will have three sites this year in hopes of getting every part of the district involved. We will be meeting at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park in Almaden, Pioneer High School and Gunderson High School. For more information about the event, please contact Rayshelle at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call **408-535-4910**.

Special Election Commission Meeting

The Elections Commission will be holding a special meeting to gather input regarding proposed changes to Title 12 of the San Jose Municipal Code. As part of this process, the Elections Commission invites you to provide the Commission your suggestions and comments. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** and will take place in the Wing Committee Rooms 118-120 at City Hall located at 200 E. Santa Clara St. in San Jose, California 95113.

If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to provide feedback, you can:

- E-mail city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov;
- Call Toni Taber at **408-535-1270**; or

- Write the Office of the City Clerk, 200 E. Santa Clara St., W-2nd fl., San Jose, CA 95113

The special meeting notice will be posted on the Elections Commission webpage within the next day or so. To view the Election Commission website, [click here](#).

Community Meeting About the Expansion of the Almaden Swim & Racquet Club

The City of San José Planning Division would like to invite you to a community meeting about a proposed expansion to the existing Almaden Swim and Racquet Club. Planning staff will be facilitating the meeting, providing you an opportunity to learn about the proposal and get answers to your questions. They are very interested in your input on this proposal and encourage your attendance at this meeting. They will consider all comments during their evaluation of the proposal.

- CP13-004 Conditional Use Permit for expansions totaling 4,640 square feet to an existing swim and racquet club (6604 Northridge Drive)
- V13-001 Variance Permit to allow a small decrease in required off-street parking at an existing swim and racquet club (6604 Northridge Drive)

Your participation in the planning process will help us analyze the request and consider the community's input. If you have any questions before the meeting or during the process, please contact City of San José: Planning Division, Matthew VanOosten at matthew.vanoosten@sanjoseca.gov or by phone at (408) 535-6870.

Almaden Country Club Homes

On Tuesday evening, February 26th, there was a meeting at the Almaden Country Club to discuss the feasibility of having a private security firm patrol the homes in the Almaden Country Club area. The turnout was great and the information was well received.

If you are interested in learning more about the meeting or about how you can implement this in your neighborhood, contact Mr. Ben Angileri at btasr@aol.com

Family Camp at Yosemite

Mark your calendars! Family Camp at Yosemite sign-up's for the 2013 Summer Season will take place on Saturday, April 6th!

Take a break from the big city and enjoy the simple life by reserving your Family Camp tent, located within the majestic Sierras. Gather your family, friends and neighbors, and

make Family Camp at Yosemite your camping destination this summer. Enjoy the great outdoors and plan a summer vacation you'll never forget!

Sign up on Saturday, April 6th from 7:00am-2:00pm at Leininger Center - 1300 Senter Road

Santa Clara County Gun Buy Back Program is a Success

Santa Clara County held an anonymous gun buyback event at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on March 2. Officials collected 1,116 firearms. The event offered up to \$150,000 in cash available to individuals turning in handguns, shotguns and rifles. The program was a partnership between Santa Clara County Board President Ken Yeager, Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith and District Attorney Jeff Rosen.

District 10 Youth Advisory Council Presents Family Movie Night

Our District 10 Youth Advisory Council will be hosting a family movie night, tonight!! From 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Almaden Community Center, the D10 YAC will be showing a Academy Award Winning animated movie free of charge. Refreshments will be sold and all profits will go to the Almaden Community Center. For more information contact Rayshelle at **408-535-4910** or via email at rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or contact our Youth Commissioner, Alex, at d10youthcommission@gmail.com.

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